

Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, Jo Ellen Powell, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Christopher J. McMullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia, and Pamela Ann White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, who was introduced by Senator Nelson (FL), all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Donald Kenneth Steinberg, of California, to be Deputy Administrator, and Nancy E. Lindborg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator, both of the United States Agency for International Development, and Robert P. Mikulak, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kristie Anne Kenney, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand, and Karen Brevard Stewart, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, both of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NINE YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine nine years after 9/11, focusing on confronting the terrorist threat to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Janet A. Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Michael Leiter, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PRIVACY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Electronic Communications

Privacy Act, focusing on promoting security and protecting privacy in the digital age, after receiving testimony from Cameron F. Kerry, General Counsel, Department of Commerce; James A. Baker, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy & Technology, San Francisco, California; Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; and Jamil N. Jaffer, Washington, D.C.

FRAUD ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investigating and prosecuting financial fraud after the Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act, after receiving testimony from Lanny Breuer, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, and Kevin Perkins, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Robert Khuzami, Director, Division of Enforcement, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

FILIBUSTER

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee resumed hearings to examine the filibuster, focusing on legislative proposals to change Senate procedures, including S. Res. 416, amending the Standing Rules of the Senate to provide for cloture to be invoked with less than a three-fifths majority after additional debate, and S. Res. 619, expressing the sense of the Senate that the Senate of each new Congress is not bound by the Rules of previous Senates, after receiving testimony from Senators Harkin and Udall (NM); Robert Dove, United States Senate Parliamentary Emeritus; Mimi Marzinani, New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York, New York; and Steven S. Smith, Washington University Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, St. Louis, Missouri.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation focusing on the American Legion, after receiving testimony from Jimmie Foster, The American Legion, Anchorage, Alaska.